

Embassy of the United States of America Madrid, Spain

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstrations January 23, 2014

DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED FOR JANUARY 24 – JANUARY 31, 2014.

Planned and spontaneous demonstrations take place in Spain, especially in Madrid and Barcelona, in response to economic or other events. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, the U.S. Embassy suggests that you avoid the area. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

The Government Delegation in Madrid has authorized the following demonstrations.

DATE	DURATION	ORGANIZERS	PURPOSE OF PROTEST	LOCATION
			OR DEMONSTRATION	
01/24/14	10:30 – 12:30	Sec. Sind. Ayto Madrid	Against social, labor	Alcalá 45, Barquillo,
			cuts etc.	Cibeles.
01/24/14	10:30 – 13.00	Sec. Sind. Ayto Madrid	Against social, labor	Plaza de Cibeles
			cuts etc.	
			Against social, labor	Plaza de la Villa, Mayor,
01/24/14	11:00 – 12:30	Sec. Sind. Ayto Madrid	cuts etc.	Plaza de la Villa.
01/24/14	12:00 -13:00	Fed. Servicios Públicos	Against cuts in public	Sevilla, Alcalá, Gran Vía,
, ,		UGT	services.	Alcalá.
01/24/14	13:30 – 14:30	Asoc Libre de	In memoriam. "Day of	General Martinez Campos
		Abogados.	the threatened lawyer"	48. Colombian Embassy
01/25/14	17:00 - 20:00	Asoc. Estudios Falun	Human rights in China.	Plaza del Callao.
		Dafa		
01/26/14	11:00 – 14:00	Asoc Ucraniana	To inform about the	Plaza de Colón
		Patriótica.	Ukrainian crisis	
		Asoc Nacional de		
01/27/14	11:30 – 15.00	Afectados por	Reopening cases of the	Fortuny 4. (Office of the
		adopciones	"stolen children"	Attorney General)
		irregulares.		

DATE	DURATION	ORGANIZERS	PURPOSE OF PROTEST OR DEMONSTRATION	LOCATION
01/28/14	11:30 – 12:30	Colectivo Mayores del 15 - M	Allowances issues	Puerta del Sol
01/30/14	12:00 – 15.30	Fed. Servicios Ciudadanía CCOO	Against the RIF in Telemadrid	Pza Jacinto Benavente, Carretas, Puerta del Sol
01/30/14	19:00 – 20.00	Plat. Contra la impunidad del Franquismo	Against Franco's impunity.	Puerta del Sol
01/31/14	10:30 – 12:30	Sec. Sind Ayto Madrid	Against social, labor cuts etc.	Alcala 45, Barquillo, Cibeles.
01/31/14	10:00 – 12:00	Sec. Sind Ayto Madrid	Against social, labor cuts etc.	Plaza de Cibeles.
01/31/14	11:00 – 12:30	Sec. Sind. Ayto Madrid	Against cuts in public services.	Pza de la Villa, Mayor Bailén, Pza de la Villa.
01/31/14	12:00 – 13:00	Fed. Servicios Públicos de UGT	Against cuts in Public Services	Sevilla, Alcalá, Gran Vía, Alcalá.

The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. All U.S. citizens in Spain are urged to enroll online at the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Enrolling gives U.S. Citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Spain and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency. You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at-1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution as well as Country Specific Information for Spain. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well.

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